

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-9 in the application. The Examiner has indicated that Claims 8-9 are allowed and that Claims 4, 6 and 7 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

In response, the Applicants have amended independent Claim 1, added independent Claim 10 and have canceled Claims 3-6 to place the pending claims in condition for allowance. No other claims have been canceled or added. Accordingly, Claims 1-2 and 7-10 are currently pending in the application.

**I. Rejection of Claims 1-3 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §102**

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by WO 98/09381 to Raleigh, *et al.* The Applicants respectfully disagree since amended Claim 1 includes allowable subject matter as indicated by the Examiner. Accordingly, this rejection of independent Claim 1 is moot and the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection and allow issuance of pending Claims 1-2.

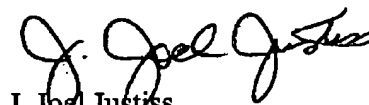
**II. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicants now see all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-2 and 7-10.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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